

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
September 23, 2025



CONVENE: 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Debbie Sullivan and Councilmembers Peter Agabi, Michael Althaus, Joan Cathey, Leatta Dahlhoff, Eileen Swarthout, Angela Jefferson, Kelly Von Holtz.

Staff: City Administrator Lisa Parks, Assistant City Administrator Kelly Adams, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Finance Director Troy Niemeyer, Water Resources & Sustainability Director Dan Smith, Fire Chief Brian Hurley, Chuck Denney Parks & Recreation Director, Todd Anderson Recreation Manager and City Clerk Melody Valiant.

Others: Principal Keith Smith and Project Manager Cory Wilkerson with Barker, Rinker, Seacat Architecture

COMMUNITY CENTER DESIGN AND SITING: Recreation Manager Anderson introduced Project Manager Wilkerson and Principal Smith with Barker, Rinker, Seacat Architecture who will be designing the Community Center. Manager Wilkerson and Principal Smith went over what they would cover in their presentation including:

- Glossary of Terms
- 'Day in the Life' of a Multigenerational Recreation Center
- Floor Plan Adjacencies
- Standalone Senior Center
- Estimated Budget(s)
- Proposed Sites Selection

The consultants went over in detail what each space in a multigenerational recreation center would look like and talked about potential floor plans. They showed the six potential sites

for the Community Center. The two sites that they recommended moving forward with was the WSDOT Site located at 5202 Capitol Boulevard SE or Kimmie St. & 80th which is owned by the Port of Olympia.

The consultants evaluated the two potential sites based on a detailed set of criteria. Councilmembers asked detailed questions about each site and talked about the concerns or support they had for each potential location for the Community Center. Councilmembers said that before they can choose a location, they would like more public input on the sites as the Kimmie Street and 80th location was not previously included in the public outreach and they would like to be able to tour the two site locations in person.

Administrator Parks talked about the next steps, which will include doing an amendment to the scope of the contract with Barker, Rinker and Seacat Architecture and scheduling more public input sessions.

**STRATEGIC PLAN
DISCUSSION –
REVIEW DRAFT:**

Administrator Parks recapped Saturday’s Strategic planning retreat which was the last in a series of three retreats. Consultant Leneker will outreach Councilmembers Dahlhoff and Von Holtz to get their feedback as they were unable to attend the retreat.

Administrator Parks thanked the Mayor, Council and staff for all their hard work throughout the process. After the Strategic plan is finalized it will go to a future council meeting and be adopted before the end of the year.

**MAYOR/CITY
ADMINISTRATOR’s
REPORT:**

Administrator Parks said there would be an arborist to take some measurements and soil samples from the Davis Meeker Garry Oak tree on September 25 which will assist in refining the work plan to retain the tree. Several city staff are attending a real estate forum sponsored by the Economic Development Council to give a presentation on the planned EIS Action process for the brewery district area and Administrator Parks also reminded everyone that there is a fifth Tuesday in September so no regular meetings next week.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Sullivan had no report but reminded everyone about two upcoming City sponsored events Falls Fest on September 27th and Clean up Drop Off on October 4th.

With there being no further business, Mayor Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Prepared by Melody Valiant, City Clerk